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Kuwait Calls Meeting of Arab Oil Ministers

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URGENT... MIDEAST-OIL:

KUWAIT, OCT. 9, REUTER -- KUWAIT TODAY ANNOUNCED IT WOULD SEEK AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS "TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF PETROLEUM IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS". THE GULF STATES CABINET SAID IT WOULD BE GLAD TO HOST SUCH A MEETING, WHICH OBSERVERS SAID WOULD CONSIDER CUTTING THE FLOW OF ARAB OIL TO WESTERN CONSUMER COUNTRIES AS AN INDIRECT WEAPON IN THE WAR WITH ISRAEL.

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MIDEAST-OIL 2 KUWAIT:

KUWAIT HAS REPEATEDLY SAID IT WOULD BE READY TO USE ITS OIL -- THREE MILLION BARRELS PER DAY IS PRODUCED HERE -- AS A WEAPON IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION, BUT IT HAS MADE CLEAR THAT JOINT ARAB ACTION WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE THE WEAPON EFFECTIVE.

THE PLANNED MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE CABINET CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, CROWN PRINCE SHEIKH JABER AL AHMED.

THE KUWAITI FINANCE AND OIL MINISTER, ABDEL-RAHMAN AL-ATIQI, HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS ARAB COUNTERPARTS TO SET IT UP, A STATEMENT SAID.

SOME OF THE ARAB MINISTERS CONCERNED ARE AT PRESENT ATTENDING THE OPEC -- ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES -- CONFERENCE IN VIENNA, LAUNCHING NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTERN OIL COMPANIES FOR HIGHER PRICES FOR THEIR OIL.

THE KUWAITI STATEMENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT HERE WAS CLOSELY FOLLOWING CLOSELY NEWS FROM THE ARAB BATTLE-FRONT AND ASSOCIATED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IT PRAISED ARAB FIGHTERS IN THE WAR, AND "THE FAITH AND SPIRIT OF THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO RESTORE THEIR RIGHTS AND ACHIEVE THEIR MAIN GOAL IN THE WAR OF LIBERATION".

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MIDEAST - SECOND LEAD ISRAEL 4 TEL AVIV:

THE SYRIAN MILITARY COMMAND REPORTED EE

LIER TODAY THAT SIX

ISRAELI PHANTOM JETS TRIED TO BOMB DAMASCUS "PICKIN' OUT CIVILIAN TARGETS". IT ADDED THAT FOUR OF THE PLANES HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND THAT "ISRAEL WILL BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THIS ACTION".

MEANWHILE, FROM THE SINAI FRONT, AN ISRAELI NEWSMAN REPORTED THE ISRAELI ARMY THERE WAS ENGAGED "ON ONE OF THE MOST BITTER BATTLES IN ITS HISTORY."

"IT IS BY NO MEANS OVER," THE REPORTER SAID. "BUT ISRAELI COMMANDERS ARE CONFIDENT OF VICTORY."

IT SAID ISRAELI TROOPS IN SINAI HAD BEEN OUTNUMBERED BY "AN

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BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO ALGERIAN PRESIDENT URGES AID TO ARABS

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(TEXT) LATE LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE RECEIVED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, WHO HANDED HIM AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL SECRETARY ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE MESSAGE READS:

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NEW MILITARY FLARE-UP IN THE MIDDLE EAST LIES ENTIRELY AND COMPLETELY WITH THE TEL AVIV LEADERS. WHILE ENJOYING SUPPORT AND PROTECTION FROM IMPERIALIST CIRCLES, ISRAEL CONTINUES ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARABS BEGUN IN 1937, FOILS ALL EFFORTS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND DELIBERATELY STAGES PROVOCATIONS, INCLUDING ARMED PROVOCATIONS, AGAINST SYRIA, EGYPT AND LEBANON, THUS EXACERBATING THE SITUATION IN THIS REGION TO THE EXTREME. I BELIEVE, COMRADE PRESIDENT, THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT, IN THE STRUGGLE NOW BEING WAGED AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, FRATERNAL ARAB SOLIDARITY CAN PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE AS NEVER BEFORE. SYRIA AND EGYPT MUST NOT BE ALONE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST A TREACHEROUS ENEMY. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR THE GREATEST POSSIBLE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE PROGRESSIVE REGIMES IN THESE COUNTRIES, WHICH, LIKE ALGERIA, (2 ARE THE HOPE) FOR PROGRESS AND FREEDOM IN THE ARAB WORLD.

THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE ALGERIAN LEADERS, WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS STRUGGLE, UNDERSTAND FULL WELL ALL THE PECULARITIES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT, GUIDED BY THE IDEALS OF FRATERNAL SOLIDARITY, WILL USE ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND TAKE ALL THE REQUIRED STEPS WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING SYRIA AND EGYPT IN THE DIFFICULT STRUGGLE IMPOSED BY THE ISRAELI AGGRESSOR.

DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT, YOUR HIGH PERSONAL PRESTIGE IN THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WHICH PARTICULARLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE FOURTH NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, UNDOUBTEDLY GIVES YOU THE MEANS OF ACTING WITH THE ARAB STATES WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING ABOUT A UNITED STAND IN THE FACE OF COMMON DANGER.

AS FOR THE SOVIET UNION, IT GIVES ALL-ROUND AID AND SUPPORT TO THE FRIENDLY ARAB STATES IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST ISRAELI AGGRESSION.

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, SA

SUBJECT: LATEST ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES AND FUTURE TRENDS
IN MIDDLE EAST

SUMMARY: A CEASEFIRE SHOULD SOON BE REACHED BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAEL AND WITHOUT USG ACTIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE THE ARABS TO BLAME US NOW FOR ACTIVE ONESIDEDNESS. IF THIS CAN BE DONE, A NUMBER OF HOPEFUL POSSIBILITIES MAY LIE AHEAD: ARAB ARMIES SHOWED A VIGOR AND PERSISTENCE THAT MAY HAVE SURPRISED THE IDF AND PROBABLY THE ARAB PUBLIC ALSO; ISRAEL MIGHT BE MORE AMENABLE TO PEACE CONCESSIONS IF THE PROSPECTS ARE FOR EVEN MORE TRYING RETURN BOUTS EVERY FIVE OR TEN YEARS. THE ARABS MAY PROVE MORE REASONABLE IN CASE OF A WIN OR DRAW THAN AFTER THE DEBACLES OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

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BOTH SIDES WILL BE EXHAUSTED BY THE WAR AND IN A STATE OF MUCH REDUCED ARMAMENT. SOVIET INFLUENCE IS NOT LIKELY TO RUSH AGAIN INTO THE ARAB SCENE AS IT DID IN 1967. THE ARAB COMBATANTS, MOREOVER, WILL NEED MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, MOST EASILY OBTAINABLE BY WINNING THE FAVOR OF THE CONSERVATIVE OIL-RICH NATIONS OF THE PENINSULA AND THE GULF. ON ISRAEL'S EASTERN FRONTIER, JORDAN (IF IT STAYS OUT OF THE FIGHTING) MAY STAND AS THE STRONGEST ARAB MILITARY POWER, A BARRIER TO RADICAL INFLUENCE, AND A RESPONSIBLE AND VALUED INTERLOCUTOR IN A JORDANIAN-ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN SETTLEMENT. THE FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT MIGHT EMERGE WEAKER AND LESS SIGNIFICANT EVEN THAN IT WAS BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIGHTING. THE FIGHTING SHOWS, FINALLY, THAT MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS DO NOT HAVE THEIR SOURCE IN COLD-WAR ISSUES, AND THAT SOLUTIONS MUST BE FOUND IN TERMS OF LOCAL ISSUES THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY.

1. IT MAY BE PREMATURE BUT STILL WORTHWHILE AT THIS STAGE IN THE FIGHTING TO HAZARD A GUESS ABOUT THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE UPON ESTABLISHED ATTITUDES THAT THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE HAD TOWARD EACH OTHER AND TOWARD THEMSELVES. THE ARAB ARMIES, WHETHER THEY ACHIEVE A STANDSTILL CEASEFIRE OR ARE EVENTUALLY DRIVEN BACK TO THE CEASEFIRE LINES OF JUNE 1967 HAVE SHOWN A COMBATIVENESS SO FAR THAT MAY HAVE SURPRISED THE ISRAELIS, AND (ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT) PROBABLY THE ARAB PUBLICS AS WELL. THE COMPLEXES THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE LIVED WITH MIGHT HENCEFORTH BE DIMINISHED: THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY ARE SUPERHUMAN, THE ARABS THAT THEY ARE SUBHUMAN.

2. IT APPEARS THE GOI WILL BE ABLE TO REDRESS THE MILITARY BALANCE, OR AT LEAST SATISFACTORILY CONTAIN THE ARAB MILITARY THREAT. THIS MUST BE DONE, HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH ISRAELI POSITIONS IN A MANNER THAT WOULD PROVOKE THE ARABS DAMAGE OUR INTERESTS IN THE MIDEAST AND DIMINISH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR GOOD OFFICES IN A POSTWAR SITUATION. THE ARABS HAVE SHOWN UNUSUAL MATURITY TO DATE IN NOT UNIVERSALIZING THE CONFLICT BY THEIR RHETORIC; WE SHOULD NOT GIVE THEM AN EXCUSE TO DO SO.

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3. THE ARABS HAVE SHOWN MATURITY AS WELL -- OR AT LEAST INDEPENDENCE -- IN EMBARKING UPON LATEST ROUND OF HOSTILITIES WITHOUT HANGING BY ONE ARM TO COMMUNIST APRON-STRINGS (AND WITH LESS OF THE HAIR-RAISING ORATORICAL THREATS OF PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS). IF A STANDOFF OF SOME SORT IS REACHED, PERHAPS WITH A U.S. AND EUROPEAN ASSIST, THE AREA SITUATION WILL NOT BE ONE IN WHICH THE SOVIETS CAN AUTOMATICALLY COUNT UPON MOVING BACK IN WITH INCREASED MILITARY AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE. THIS MAY BE ESPECIALLY TRUE SINCE (A) THE SOVIETS WILL IN THE FUTURE BE AWARE THAT THEIR ARMS PROGRAMS HAVE NOT OBTAINED FOR THEM THE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OVER THE POLICIES OF SYRIA AND EGYPT THAT THEY SOUGHT, AND (B) BOTH SYRIA AND EGYPT MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO BURDEN THEIR POSTWAR ECONOMIES WITH THE ENORMOUS LOAD OF DEBT REQUIRED TO REFURBISH A MODERN MILITARY MACHINE. IN THIS SENSE, WE SEE IN THE MIDDLE EAST A KIND OF RAPID MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT PROCEEDING AMONG ALL PARTIES TO BE IN CONFLICT.

4. IF A HALT CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE FIGHTING WHILE THE COMBATANTS ARE EXHAUSTED, AND ARM-WEARY, THE U.S. AND OTHER MODERATES IN THE AREA COULD HAVE AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHAPE OF A FUTURE PEACE. ISRAEL PRESUMABLY MAY FEEL, GIVEN APPROPRIATE U.S. GUARANTEES, THAT SOME CONCESSIONS TO THE ARABS MIGHT BE IN ORDER. DO THE ISRAELIS--DESPITE AN UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE FOR REVENGE--LOOK FORWARD TO SIMILAR, OR EVEN MORE HARD-FOUGHT ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ARABS EVERY FIVE OR TEN YEARS? ON THE ARAB SIDE, THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS MIGHT BE MORE PSYCHOLOGICALLY DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A "JUST" SOLUTION THAN IN THE PAST AFTER WHAT WE CAN HOPE IS THE CATHARSIS OF THE RECENT FIGHTING. (ARABS ARE FAMOUSLY BAD LOSERS, BUT BETTER IN CASE OF A WIN OR DRAW.) EGYPT AND SYRIA, MOREOVER, WILL BADLY NEED MASSIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AFTER THE FIGHTING ENDS, AND THE INFLUENCE UPON THEM, THEREFORE, OF THE OIL-RICH CONSERVATIVE ARAB NATIONS MAY BE CONSIDERABLE. IN ADDITION, IF JORDAN CAN STAY OUT OF THE FIGHTING, THE GOJ SHOULD EMERGE AS THE STRONGEST ARAB MILITARY POWER. JORDAN COULD THUS SERVE TO CHECK INCIPIENT RADICAL TRENDS IN

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AN IMPUISSANT SYRIA, AND BY ITS PROVEN HISTORY OF GOOD BEHAVIOR DESERVE ISRAELI RECOGNITION AS A VALUED, AND VALID, INTERLOCUTOR IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ANOTHER HOPEFUL NOTE MIGHT BE THAT THE FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT SHOULD EMERGE FROM THE FIGHTING WITH A GREATLY DECREASED STATUS AND REPUTATION. FEDAYEEN POPULARITY AND INFLUENCE, AFTER ALL, CAN LARGELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR HAVING PROVIDED THE ARAB WORLD WITH AN EGO-LIFTING INTERMISSION WHILE THE ARAB STATES SEEMED HELPLESS AT THE CONVENTIONAL MILITARY LEVEL. NOW THAT THE PRINCIPALS HAVE RETURNED TO THE STAGE AND EXERTED EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS ON THEIR OWN BEHALF, THE STATUS OF ARAFAT AND OTHER FEDAYEEN LEADERS WILL DWINDLE.

6. A FINAL GOOD RESULT OF THE FIGHTING MIGHT BE TO DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS IN WESTERN CIRCLES THAT SOVIET DESIGNS AND PRESSURES UNDERLIE THE INSTABILITY OF MIDEAST POLITICS. THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING CLEARLY DID NOT RESULT FROM SOVIET URGINGS, AND THE SOVIETS HAVE DONE THEIR BEST TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM IT. THE FIGHTING HAD ITS ORIGINS IN TENSIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES, AND IT IS TO THESE TENSIONS THAT POSTWAR EFFORTS PERMANENTLY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM MUST ADDRESS THEMSELVES.

7. LIKELY EFFECTS OF A DELAYED CEASEFIRE, ESPECIALLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY RENEWED ARAB HUMILIATION WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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FOR AMBASSADOR BUFFUM

SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING ASSURANCE FROM THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT WHICH IT ASKED THAT WE COMMUNICATE TO GOL:
ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF VIOLATING LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY
PROVIDED LEBANON REFRAINS FROM MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAINST
ISRAEL. KISSINGER

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1. AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTED ISRAELI ASSURANCES CONTAINED REFTEL TO SEC GEN OF LEBANESE FONOFFICE (SADAQA) MORNING OF OCT 9. HE DREW SADAQA'S ATTENTION TO RAPIDITY WITH WHICH SECRETARY, PERSONALLY, HAD TAKEN UP MATTER WITH GOI FOLLOWING DEMARCHE BY PRIME MINISTER SOLH (BEIRUT 11884).
2. SADAQA WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT USG HAD DONE AND WENT ON TO COMMENT ON HOW PLEASED AND IMPRESSED HE, PERSONALLY, AND FONMIN NAFFA HAD BEEN BY THEIR MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN NEW YORK, AND BY ASSURANCES HE HAD GIVEN THEM OF CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN LEBANON AND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.
3. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT ASSURANCES SECRETARY HAD OBTAINED CONTAINED CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT GOL HAD RESPONSIBILITY ON ITS SIDE PREVENT MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAINST ISRAEL, AND WENT ON TO DISCUSS SERIOUSNESS OF PRESENT FEDAYEEN ACTIONS (SEE SEPTTEL).

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DRV GOVERNMENT 9 OCT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST WAR

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(TEXT OF DRV GOVERNMENT 9 OCTOBER STATEMENT "ON THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA")

(TEXT) SINCE 6 OCTOBER 1973 HOSTILITIES HAVE AGAIN BROKEN OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ~~THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS~~ HAVE MANEUVERED NAVAL, INFANTRY AND AIR FORCES TO ATTACK EGYPT AND SYRIA IN THE AREA OF THE SUEZ CANAL, THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND IN MANY AREAS DEEP IN THE TERRITORIES OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME TIME THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS HAVE USED THEIR AIR FORCE AND ARTILLERY TO SHELL A NUMBER OF AREAS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND SENT AIRCRAFT TO VIOLATE THE AIRSPACE OF JORDAN.

FOR MANY YEARS NOW THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS HAVE NOT ONLY SOUGHT BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE TO ANNEX PERMANENTLY THE LANDS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES THAT THEY ARE OCCUPYING AND TO ELIMINATE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL RIGHTS, BUT ISRAEL HAS ALSO MANY TIMES USED ITS AIRCRAFT, WARSHIPS AND COMMANDO FORCES TO ATTACK AND PROVOKE THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

THE AGGRESSIVE AND EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, WHOM THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE AIDED AND INCITED, IS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF A RESUMED BREAKOUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE INCESSANTLY SUPPORTED ISRAEL IN THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIELDS, AND HAVE LENT ISRAEL A HELPING HAND IN PERMANENTLY MAINTAINING ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

AT PRESENT, FOLLOWING THE RESUMED OUTBREAK OF THE CONFLICT, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ON THE ONE HAND DEMAND THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES RETURN TO THE CEASE-FIRE DEMARCATION LINE PRIOR TO AUGUST 1970, AND ON THE OTHER THEY MANEUVER THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO APPROACH THE COASTS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS. HOWEVER, THE INTERVENTIONIST, AGGRESSIVE U.S. ACTIONS AND THE ISRAELI CLIQUE'S CRIMINAL, AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS MAKE THE ARAB PEOPLES EVER MORE INDIGNANT AND DETERMINED TO OPPOSE THEM.

EXERCISING THEIR SACRED SELF-DEFENSE RIGHT, THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN PEOPLES ARE DEALING THE AGGRESSORS INITIAL, APPROPRIATE COUNTERBLOWS. THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES ENJOYS THE STRONG SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THE PEACE AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

AS CLOSE COMRADES IN ARMS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE DRV GOVERNMENT FOLLOW WITH DEEP CONCERN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND STATE THAT THEY FULLY SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

TOGETHER WITH ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE DRV GOVERNMENT STERNLY CONDEMN THE WARLIKE ISRAELI CLIQUE'S NEW AGGRESSION AND FIRMLY DEMAND THAT THIS CLIQUE IMMEDIATELY END ITS AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS, IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ALL ITS ARMED FORCES FROM THE ARAB TERRITORY THAT IT HAS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED, AND RESPECT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS.

THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE DRV GOVERNMENT SEVERELY CONDEMN THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' INTERVENTIONIST ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DEMAND THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IMMEDIATELY END ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND AID TO ISRAEL.

THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE DRV GOVERNMENT ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT, CLOSELY UNITED, FIGHTING RESOLUTELY, AND ENJOYING THE STRONG SUPPORT OF ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND, THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLES OF THE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES WILL CERTAINLY WIN FINAL VICTORY IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS AND THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST REGION AND IN THE WORLD.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PL, UR, XF

SUBJECT: POLISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. TRYBUNA LUDU ON OCTOBER 9 PUBLISHED BRIEF GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, DESCRIBING IT AS
OBVIOUS RESULT OF ISRAEL'S SIX YEAR OCCUPATION OF ARAB
TERRITORIES. STATEMENT BLAMES ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
CIRCLES FOR STUBBORNLY BLOCKING ALL PEACE INITIATIVES
AND RENDERING POLITICAL SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE THROUGH
THEIR DISREGARD OF UN RESOLUTION, WORLD OPINION, AND
INTERNATIONAL LAW. REAFFIRMING AS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND A
GUARANTEE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN ACCORD WITH UN
RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENT LINKS DETENTE, SECURITY, AND
PEACE IN EUROPE AND WORLD TO URGENT RESOLUTION OF
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2. GOP STATEMENT, WHICH DOES NOT BRAND ISRAEL AS AGGRESSOR IN CURRENT INSTANCE, COULD BE READ AS INTENDED PARTIALLY TO JUSTIFY EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ACTIONS. STATEMENT IS BRIEFER AND DECIDEDLY Milder THAN SOVIET ONE PUBLISHED PREVIOUS DAY IN TRYBUNA LUDU. IN CONTRAST TO SOVIET STATEMENT, GOP DECLARATION MAKES NO MENTION OF "IMPERIALIST" SUPPORT OF ISRAEL OR OF RESPONSIBILITY SHARED IN CURRENT SITUATION BY "FOREIGN REACTIONARY CIRCLES" WHO ALLEGEDLY TOLERATE ISRAELI AGGRESSION.
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SUBJ: NEED FOR EARLY CEASEFIRE

REF: JIDDA 4375(NOTAL)

1. I NEED NOT ADD TO ELOQUENCE ALREADY EXPRESSED IN REFTEL.
IT SETS FORTH IN BETTER FORM AND ORDER THAN I COULD LONG-TERM
DANGERS WE COULD FACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IF THIS CONFLICT DRAGS
ON.

2. I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT KING TOLD ME AGAIN TONIGHT.
EVERY MINUTE'S DELAY IN GETTING A SIMPLE, UNCONDITIONAL CEASE-
FIRE INCREASES THE DANGER-THAT THE SAUDIS, IRAQIS, ALGERIANS,
AND OTHERS WILL GET INTO THE BATTLE. ONCE THEY DO, THE DICE ARE
CAST. KING WILL CONTINUE PREACH CAUTION AND RESIST APPEALS TO
LEND A HAND HERE OR THERE. BUT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE POLITICAL

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CLOUT IN THE ME TO PREVENT CERTAIN ACTIONS: E.G., MORE MOROC-
CANS, USE OF ALGERIAN PLANES, DEPLOYMENT OF IRAQI ARMOR, OR,
PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT, KEEPING FEISEL FROM GETTING INTO
THE FIGHT. IF LATTER HAPPENS, HE FEARS THAT ALL CHANGES IN THE
ME. HE IS, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY WORRIED THAT SAUDI ACTION WILL
MEAN THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL BEHAVE TOWARDS JORDAN AS KUWAIT
HAS, BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, AS AN HONORABLE MAN AND REAL FRIEND OF
US, HE FEARS THAT SAUDIS WILL BECOME ANTI-AMERICAN AND IN THAT
PROCESS OPEN UP THE WHOLE ME TO THE MOST UNWELCOME INFLUENCES.

3. THUS, ONCE AGAIN FROM THE KING WE HAVE AN URGENT APPEAL
TO EXERT LEADERSHIP IN SC AND GET A CEASE-FIRE.
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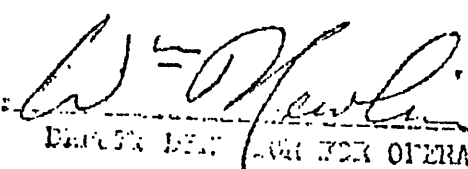
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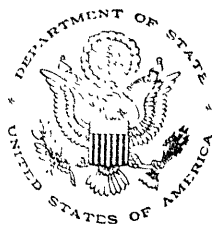
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SUBJECT: EMPEROR'S STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: ADDIS 11531(NOTAL)

1. EVENING OCTOBER 8 EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE ISSUED FOLLOWING
DECLARATION ON MIDDLE EAST.

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THE WAR WHICH HAS BROKEN OUT IN MIDDLE EAST BETWEEN
ARAB STATES, ON ONE HAND, AND ISRAEL, ON OTHER, IS CAUSE
OF GRAVE CONCERN AND ALARM TO ENTIRE WORLD, AND PARTICULARLY
TO PEOPLES IN VICINITY OF THEATRE OF WAR. ALTHOUGH
WE HAD REPEATEDLY STATED FUNDAMENTAL POSITION OF ETHIOPIA
IN MANY INTERNATIONAL FORUMS REGARDING GRAVE SITUATION THAT

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HAS PREVAILED IN REGION, WE DEEM IT ESSENTIAL TO REITERATE THAT FUNDAMENTAL POSITION OF ETHIOPIA IN VIEW OF PRESENT ALARMING SITUATION.

AS THE HISTORY OF ETHIOPIA AMPLY ATTESTS, OUR GOVERNMENT OR PEOPLE, AND WE, OURSELVES, HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE ACQUISITION, BY FORCE, OF TERRITORY OF ONE STATE BY ANOTHER. THAT WAS WHY WHEN ISRAEL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES BY FORCE IN 1967 THAT ETHIOPIA, THEN A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, SUPPORTED RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967 ACCORDINGLY, THE FUNDAMENTAL POSITION THAT ETHIOPIA HAS TAKEN BOTH AT UNITED NATIONS AND AT ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, HAS BEEN THAT ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SO THAT PEACE AND STABILITY CAN BE RESOTRED IN REGION. IT IS EVIDENT THAT PRESENT WAR CAN CEASE AND PERMANENT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN REGION ONLY WHEN ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM THE TERRITORIES IT HAS OCCUPIED BY FORCE. IT IS ISRAEL'S OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THIS. IT IS CLEAR THAT SO LONG AS TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY FORCE ARE NOT RETURNED TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THESE GOVERNMENTS WILL BE COMPELLED TO TAKE ANY MEASURE TO REGAIN THEIR TERRITORIES.

SINCE ANY GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE TO REGAIN ITS TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY FORCE, ONLY SOLUTION IS FOR ISRAEL TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967 AND TO WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORIES IT HAS OCCUPIED BY FORCE. IT IS DUTY, IN FIRST PLACE, OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AS A WHOLE, WE BELIEVE, TO SEE TO IT THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. UNQUOTE.

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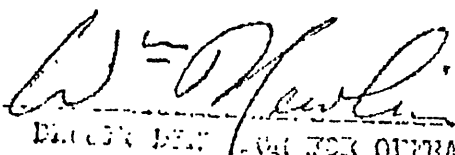
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SUBJECT: INDIA BLAMES ISRAEL FOR MIDDLE EAST FIGHTING

1. ON OCTOBER 7 A GOI SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT INDIA HAD CONSISTENTLY ASCRIBED THE TENSION IN WEST ASIA TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND REFUSAL TO VACATE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED DURING THE 1967 WAR. "THIS INTRANSIGENCE ON THE PART OF ISRAEL IS CLEARLY THE BASIC CAUSE LEADING TO THE PRESENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES," HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED: "OUR SYMPATHIES ARE ENTIRELY WITH THE ARABS WHOSE SUFFERINGS HAVE LONG REACHED A POINT OF EXPLOSION. THEIR CAUSE IS BASED ON JUSTICE, AND DEMANDS FORTHWITH THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION BY ISRAEL OF THE UN RESOLUTION NUMBER 242 OF 1967 CONSTITUTES A SOLUTION WHICH CAN ARREST THE TRAGIC MARCH OF EVENTS THREATENING THE PEACE OF THE REGION AND WORLD AT LARGE."

2. AN OFFICIAL IN THE WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA DIVISION OF MEA SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY FURTHER GOI STATEMENTS IN NEW DELHI OCTOBER 8, AS THE SUBJECT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE UN.
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SUBJ: US STATEMENT TO SC ON ME SITUATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT TO SC BY AMB. SCALI DELIVERED
LATE AFTERNOON OCTOBER 8:

MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS REQUESTED THAT THE
SECURITY COUNCIL BE CONVENED TODAY IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT DEAL
URGENTLY WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN THREE YEARS, ARMED
HOSTILITIES HAVE BROKEN OUT ON A MASSIVE SCALE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE CEASEFIRE WE HAVE STUGHT TO MAINTAIN HAS BEEN
BROKEN. THE RECOURSE TO TRAGIC VIOLENCE WE HAVE SOUGHT TO
AVOID IS UPON US.

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REPORT BASED ON UNITED NATIONS SOURCES APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THE AIR ATTACKS IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WERE INITIATED BY SYRIAN MIG AIRCRAFT AND THAT THE FIRST FIRING ON THE SUEZ FRONT, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SYRIAN ATTACK, WAS FROM WEST TO EAST. THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN FULLY COVERED IN THE PRESS.

IN THE DAYS BEFORE FIGHTING BROKE OUT, WE RECEIVED REPORTS OF INTENSIFIED MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN AREA. WE WATCHED THESE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, BUT UNTIL A FEW HOURS BEFORE MILITARY OPERATIONS STARTED, WE WERE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE A PRELUDE TO ACTUAL FIGHTING. THIS IS A REGION IN WHICH ALARMS AND ALERTS ARE FAIRLY FREQUENT. IN THEMSELVES, MILITARY MOVEMENTS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE THAT COMBAT WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN. WHEN, VERY SHORTLY BEFORE THE INITIAL ATTACKS TOOK PLACE, WE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT THIS WAS THE FACT, WE IMMEDIATELY UNDERTOOK INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN HOPES THAT THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES MIGHT BE PREVENTED. WE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT. WE CONSULTED OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH NY GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED ON THIS COUNCIL. OTHERS IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE AREA PURSUED PARALLEL EFFORTS. WE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WHO ALSO LENT HIS GREAT WEIGHT AND PRESTIGE TO THE EFFORTS. UNFORTUNATELY THESE EFFORTS DID NOT PREVENT THE OUTBREAK, AND INTENSE FIGHTING CONTINUES.

IN SO SERIOUS A SITUATION WE FELT THAT WE COULD NOT FAIL TO EXERCISE OUR RESPONSIBILITY, AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO REQUEST A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT BE SEIZED OF THE GRAVE SITUATION WHICH HAD ARISEN. NOT TO HAVE DONE THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN TO FAIL IN OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER. WE HOPE THAT IN THE DAYS AHEAD THE COUNCIL BY ITS DELIBERATION CAN RESTORE IN THE MOST CRITICAL AND EXPLOSIVE AREA IN THE WORLD.

DEFINITIVE JUDGEMENTS AS TO CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION ARE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE FLUIDITY OF THE SITUATION. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ITSELF MADE NOT SUCH JUDGMENTS. NOR HAVE WE FELT IT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE TO DIVERT THE COUNCIL'S ENERGIES AND ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF ASSESSING BLAME.

OUR PURPOSE TODAY IS NOT TO SIFT CONFLICTING REPORTS OR TO ASSESS RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT HAS OCCURRED. OUR PURPOSE IS TO HELP PROMOTE A SOLUTION FOR THE TENSE AND DANGEROUS SITUATION

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CONFRONTING US.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE PROXIMATE FROM UNDERLYING CAUSES. THE FORMER MAY BE CLEARCUT, BUT THE LATTER ARE COMPLEX, AND PERCEPTIONS OF RIGHT AND WRONG INEVITABLY VARY. IT HAS BEEN OVER SIX YEARS SINCE THE PRESENT ABNORMAL SITUATION WAS CREATED IN THE WAKE OF THE 1967 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, THAT WAS

IN TURN FOLLOWED EIGHTEEN YEARS OF ABNORMAL ARMISTICE. FOR THE FAILURE TO MOVE FROM ABNORMAL ARMISTICE AND CEASEFIRE TO POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION AND PEACE, THERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH BLAME TO GO AROUND. ALL CONCERNED HAVE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THE TRANSITION OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS.

WE HAVE GIVEN PRELIMINARY THOUGHT TO THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THIS COUNCIL MIGHT MOVE IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM, SO THAT NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE PRACTICAL PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE CAN BE CREATED, AND THE PRESENT TRAGEDY CAN BE MADE A NEW BEGINNING RATHER THAN SIMPLY ANOTHER LOST OPPORTUNITY. AS WE SEE IT, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRINCIPLES WHICH THE COUNCIL MUST SEEK TO APPLY.

FIRST, IN SITUATION WHERE FIGHTING IS RAGING UNCHECKED, THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS MUST BE FOUND FOR BRINGING THE HOSTILITIES TO AN END. MILITARY OPERATIONS MUST BE HALTED. THE GUNS MUST FALL SILENT SO THAT ADDITIONAL HUMAN SUFFERING MAY BE AVOIDED AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE MAY PROCEED.

SECOND, CONDITIONS MUST BE RESTORED IN THE AREA THAT WOULD BE CONDUCTIVE TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE LONG-STANDING DIFFERENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE MUST BE RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS AND POSITIONS OF ALL THE STATES IN THE REGION. A BEGINNING MUST BE MADE TOWARD CONVERTING THE SHARP CONFRONTATION OF VIOLENTLY OPPOSING CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS, WHICH FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY HAS MADE TRUE STABILITY IMPOSSIBLE, TO A MORE REASONED DISCOURSE AIMED AT GENUINE RECONCILIATION. THE LEAST DAMAGING WAY TO BRING THIS ABOUT IS TO HAVE THE PARTIES CONCERNED RETURN TO THE POSITIONS BEFORE HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT.

THIRD, IN ALL ITS EFFORTS THE COUNCIL MUST BE MINDFUL OF THE NEED FOR UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF SETTLEMENT FOR THE MIDDLE EASTERN

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PARTIES AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY. THE FOUNDATIONS SO LABORIOUSLY ACHIEVED IN THE PAST FOR NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A MIDDLE EASTERN PEACE MUST NOT BE DESTROYED UNDER THE STRESS OF A MILITARY EMERGENCY.

THESE PRINCIPLES, IN THE OPINION OF MY GOVERNMENT, CONSTITUTE THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH WE CAN ACT IN THIS COUNCIL

TO REDUCE THE PREVAILING TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO PREPARE FOR A REINVIGORATION OF THE PROCESS OF PEACEMAKING. WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE PRINCIPLES, AND ANY OTHERS WHICH OTHER MEMBERS MAY PUT FORWARD, AS A BASIS FOR OUR FURTHER ACTION.

WHAT WE SEEK IN THIS COUNCIL IS NOT A WAR OF WORDS, BUT A BROAD CONSENSUS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO PUT THE FULL WEIGHT OF ITS INFLUENCE BEHIND THE TASK OF RESTORING PEACE, SO THAT THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE SET ON A NEW COURSE POINTING TOWARD A BETTER ERA IN THE REGION.

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NEW YORK (AP)-CBS RADIO SAID TODAY THAT ISRAELI PLANES SCORED A
DIRECT HIT ON THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA. THE NETWORK QUOTED
A SOVIET DIPLOMAT AS SAYING 30 RUSSIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
WERE KILLED.

THE CBS REPORT CAME FROM DEAN BRELIS IN DAMASCUS, WHO SAID HE SAW
CHILDREN'S BODIES IN THE RUEBLE. HE SAID THE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT
INFLECTED TREMENDOUS DAMAGE.

BRELIS SAID A HOSPITAL ALSO WAS HIT AND THAT THERE WERE CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE SYRIAN CAPITAL AS A RESULT OF HITS
ON APARTMENT HOUSES AND PRIVATE HOMES.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 11953

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PMIL, PINS, XF, LE

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN LEBANON - SITREP NO. 2

BEGIN SUMMARY: SITUATION HERE APPEARS GROWING MORE TENSE
AS FIGHTING CONTINUES BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL. SURFACE CALM,
BUT NERVOUSNESS AMONG POPULATION INCREASING. LEFTIST DEMON-
STRATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AND EXPECTED GROW IN SIZE AND NUMBER.
FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY, INCLUDING POSSIBLE TERRORISM AND ATTACKS ON
AMERICAN INTERESTS, ON INCREASE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS OF MID-MORNING OF OCT 9 SITUATION IN LEBANON CALM IN
APPEARANCE AND PRETTY MUCH BUSINESS-AS-USUAL WHILE POLPYICAL
ELEMENTS TRIED TO ASSESS SIGNIFICANCE OF BATTLE BETWEEN EGYPT,
SYRIA AND ISRAEL. SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES OPEN AS USUAL ALTHOUGH
FEWER PEOPLE ON STREETS. SOME AIRLINES HAVE STOPPED FLIGHTS,
PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM EAST (E.G. PAKISTAN, JORDAN, ETC.), BUT
MOST FLIGHTS ARRIVING AND DEPARTING ON SCHEDULE. SOME FLIGHTS
DIVERTING VIA TURKEY TO AND FROM EAST UNTIL SYRIAN AIRSPACE
CONSIDERED SAFE. BOTH IPC AND TAPLINE OPERATING AT ABOUT 50
PERCENT OF CAPACITY SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN IN ORDER MINIMIZE
LOSSES SHOULD PIPSNMES THROUGH SYRIA AND GOLAN BE HIT. EXPORTS
DOWN SINCE IPC TERMINAL AT BANYAS, SYRIA CLOSED AND TWO IN
LEBANON REDUCING EXPORTS TO KEEP ADEQUATE WTOCKS ON HAND FOR
LOCAL CONSUMPTION. FINANCIAL SECTOR APPEARS THUS FAR UNTOUCHED
AND VALUE OF LEBANESE POU WSHOLDING STEADY. NO CURFEW OR OTHER

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MEASURES, ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF ARMY AND POLINMCXATROLS IN BEIRUT HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY.

2. MORNING OCT 9, EXPECTED SIGNS OF POLITICAL TENSION HAVE GEGAN TO APPEAR. DEMONSTRATION HELD AT LOCAL UNIVERSITY AT WHICH FATAH LEADER TOLD 300 STUDENTS FEDAYEEN WOULD STRIKE AT "AMERICAN INTERESTS" THROUGHOUT MIDDLE EAST. SMALL DEMONSTRATION REPORTED AT JORDANIAN EMBASSY, DEMANDING THAT JORDAN ENTER BATTLE. LARGE DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR AFTERNOON OCT 9 BY VARIOUS LEFTIST POLITICAL GROUPS AND FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS, CALLING ON GOL TO PROVIDE MORE SUPPORT FOR SYRIA, TO PROVIDE FULL FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND OTHER AID FOR FEDAYEEN TO ATTACK ISRAEL, AND TO ALLOW FULL FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTION BY "PROGRESSIVE FORCES". DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SURETE TOLD EMBOFF EVENING OF OCT 8 THAT HE EXPECTED LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROBABLY ATTEMPTS BY FEDAYEEN TO ATTACK AMERICAN EMBASSY. ARMY G-2 REPORTS A SERIOUS FEDAYEEN THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN AND POSSIBLY OTHER DIPLOMATS (BEIRUT 11925 AND 11930).

3. GOL OFFICIALS UNEASY ABOUT THREAT OF ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN RESPONSE TO FEDAYEEN ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF FEDAYEEN ACTION HAS BEEN BLUSTER AND MORTAR AND ROCKET ROUNDS FIRED HAVE NOT BEEN NUMEROUS OR WELL AIMED. THEY EXPECT CONTINUING FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TERRORISM, AS FEDAYEEN STRIVE TO SHOW THEY NOT COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED BY REGULAR ARAB ARMIES. SHOULD FEDAYEEN BECOME TOO ACTIVE, DESPITE EFFORTS CONTROL THEMJO IDF RIPOSTE COULD GJMATLY EXACERBATE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION. GOL OFFICIALS NOTE THAT SUNNI MOSLEM MUFTI CONPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROMHLYNY NATIONAL LEADERS WHO HAVE PUBLICLY EXPRESSEDSWTYPPORT FOR GOL POLICIES AND PRESIDENT FRANGIE DURING PERIOD OF CRISIS. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS CONTINUE EFFORTS CONVINCE ARAB AMBASSADORS AND THOSE OF MAJOR POWERS THAT LEBANON FOLLOWING CORRECT POLICY IN NOT PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY AND TRYING NOT BE DRAGGED INTO HOSTILITIES. 0117.

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TAGS: PFDR, UR, XF

SUBJ: SOVIET ACTIVITIES ON EVE OF ME OUTBREAK

1. JORDANIAN SECOND SECRETARY (PROTECT) TOLD US OCTOBER 9 THAT JORDANIAN EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED RELIABLE REPORTS THAT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES LARGE NUMBERS OF SOVIET PERSONNEL WERE WITHDRAWN FROM EGYPT AND SYRIA AND THAT AT SAME TIME SOVIETS SUPPLIED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS TO BOTH ARAB COMBATANTS. HE DID NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT ARMS WERE INVOLVED, BUT HE ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE LATEST MODERN WEAPONS. ✓

2. JORDANIAN SAID HE WAS NOT YET ABLE TO FORM JUDGMENT ABOUT SOVIET POSITION VIS-A-VIS ARAB INTENTIONS TO OPEN HOSTILITIES, BUT HE OFFERED ASSESSMENT THAT SOVIETS CLEARLY HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN PLANS. IN THIS CONTEXT HE CITED AS INDICATION OF SOVIET FOREWARNING THE INABILITY OF JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET MFA ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 5 FOR DISCUSSION OF REPORTED MILITARY BUILD-UP IN ME. TONE OF EMBOFF'S REMARKS ALSO INDICATED HE FAVORED VIEW THAT SOVIETS HAD GIVEN AT LEAST TACIT SUPPORT TO ARAB ACTION.

3. ON JORDANIAN POSITION EMBOFF SAID KING WAS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION AND NOT TO OPEN JORDANIAN FRONT UNLESS ATTACKED. HE SAID THIS POSITION HAD BEEN SET FORTH BY HUSSEIN AT RECENT CAIRO SUMMIT AND HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN LEADERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT KING IS FIRM IN HIS RESOLUTION NOT TO ALLOW OTHER FOREIGN TROOPS INTO JORDAN (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IRAQI AND SYRIAN FORCES). HE ASSERTED THAT KING HAD CAUTIONED EGYPTIAN

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AND SYRIAN LEADERS AGAINST PRECIPITATE ACTION FOR WHICH
ARABS WERE NOT PREPARED.

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PFOR, UN, XF
SUBJ: ME SITUATION: SYG LETTER RE TRANSFER OF UN
MILITARY OBSERVERS IN EGYPT
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED OCT 8, 1973, FROM SYG
TO PRES OF SC REQUESTING TRANSFER OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN
EGYPT FROM OBSERVATION POSTS TO CAIRO:
QTE:

YOU WILL RECALL THAT BY A CONSENSUS EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT
AND APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE 1366TH MEETING
ON 9/10 JULY 1967 (S/8047), THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTED
THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISION
ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE (UNTSO) "...TO WORK OUT WITH THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND ISRAEL, AS
SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE, THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO STATION
UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS IN THE SUEZ CANAL SECTOR
UNDER THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO". SINCE THAT TIME UNITED
NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN STATIONED ON BOTH BANKS OF
THE SUEZ CANAL.

ON THE EVENING OF 7 OCTOBER 1973, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO
RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES
THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS BE IMMEDIATELY
EVACUATED TO CAIRO. THE CHIEF OF STAFF REPLIED THAT,
IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS MENTIONED ABOVE,
HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD

*Waldheim letter to Pres.
of Security Council requesting
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MAKE THIS REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY OBSERVERS DIRECT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. I HAVE ASKED THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO FOR A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS.

ON THE MORNING OF 8 OCTOBER I SPOKE WITH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT ON THIS MATTER. THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS FOR THE WORK AND HELP OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT

THE OBSERVERS ARE NOW BEHIND THE EGYPTIAN LINES, WHICH PUTS THEM IN PHYSICAL DANGER AND MAKES THEIR PRESENCE UNNECESSARY, THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE MEASURES FOR THEIR TRANSFER TO CAIRO FOR THEIR SECURITY.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS OF JULY 1967, I WISH TO INFORM YOU, AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IMMEDIATELY OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.

DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION POSTS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL WHEN AVAILABLE IN THE NORMAL WAY.

SIGNED KURT WALDHIEM
SECRETARY GENERAL UNQTE.

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TAGS: PFOR, UN, XF
SUBJ: ME IN SC

1. SECOND SC MEETING ON ME CONFLICT TOOK PLACE OCT 9
IN EMOTIONAL ATMOSPHERE OCCASIONED BY REPORTS OF ISRAELI
BOMBING OF CIVILIAN TARGETS IN DAMASCUS AND CAIRO. SOVIET
PERM REP, AFTER USING VIOLENTLY ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AGAINST
ISRAEL, WALKED OUT WHEN ISRAELI AMB TEKOAH BEGAN TO OFFER
CONDOLENCES. MALIK TOLD COUNCIL (TO SUSTAINED APPLAUSE) THAT
HE DID NOT WANT SYMPATHY OF AGGRESSORS AND GANGSTERS.
SEVEN DELS MADE STATEMENTS ON ME CONFLICT, BUT NO RESOLUTIONS
WERE OFFERED.

2. YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTED ARABS IN "WAR TO LIBERATE
ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES." TERMING DAMASCUS BOMBING,
FURTHER CHALLENGE TO UN, YUGOSLAV REP SAID LASTING PEACE
WOULD COME ONLY WHEN ISRAEL HAD COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN
FROM THREE ARAB COUNTRIES IT OCCUPIED AND RIGHTS OF

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PALESTINIANS WERE IMPLEMENTED. CONCLUDED BY THREATENING SANCTIONS.

3. THRUST OF FRENCH STATEMENT WAS THAT IT FUTILE TO ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE SETTLEMENT ON PARTIES WHO DID NOT WISH HOSTILITIES TO CEASE. SC MUST NOT ONLY STOP FIGHTING BUT ATTACK OF PROBLEM. ONE FUNDAMENTAL TO LASTING, LONG-TERM PEACE WAS GUARANTEES BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

4. AUSTRIA TOOK CONTRARY LINE THAT FIRST SC RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO BRING ABOUT UNEQUIVOCAL CEASE-FIRE. THIS WAS ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP ON WHICH TO BUILD LASTING PEACE.

5. SYRIA DELIVERED LONG AND VITRIOLIC DIATRIBE AGAINST ISRAEL AND US IN ABOUT EQUAL MEASURES. SYRIAN REP CALLED ON ARAB STATES TO DENY "CONSUMER SOCIETIES" MATERIALS THEY REQUIRED. US WAS ACCUSED OF DIRECTLY CAUSING WAR BY PARALYZING SC BY ITS VETO. SYRIA DEMANDED THAT AMENDMENTS BE CONSIDERED TO PROTECT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AGAINST "ABUSIVE USE OF RIGHT OF VETO."

6. INDIA ALSO CLAIMED US VETO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFLICT. LIKE FRANCE, INDIA BELIEVED SIMPLE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WAS NOT THE ANSWER. INDONESIA AND SUDAN FOLLOWED PATTERN OF OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATEMENTS. SUDAN'S KHALID MANSUR WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF US ROLE IN ME AFFAIRS, IMPLYING THAT US BEARS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD ME BECAUSE OF ITS PAST ACTIONS.
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TAGS: PEOR, PMIL, IS, LE
SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATTACK ON JABAL BAROUK RADAR STATION
REF: USDAO TEL AVIV 1554; TEL AVIV 7866

1. WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT ISRAELI BOMBING OF INOPERATIVE JABAL BAROUK RADAR STATION AND WOUNDING OF 9 LEBANESE SOLDIERS WILL SERVE TO INCREASE GOL DETERMINATION CONTROL FEDAYEEN IF THIS WAS ITS PURPOSE. ISRAELIS COULD HARDLY HAVE BELIEVED RADAR CONSTITUTED THREAT SINCE THEY HAD BEEN TOLD (AND COULD EASILY CONFIRM) THAT IT INOPERATIVE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. CERTAINLY THEY COULD NOT RELIEVE THATSXT WAS "SYRIAN RADAR SITE... OPERATED BY SYRAINS" AS THEY CLAIM.

2. AS REPORTED OUR 11911, LEBANESE INFORMED IDF AT OCT 7 ILMAC MEETING THAT BAROUK RADAR INOPERATIVE. LEBANESE ARMY WAS LED TO BELIEGE AT THAT MEETING THAT IDF NO LONGER CONSIDERED BAROUK RADAR A PROBLEM AND THAT IDF PREPARED CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH LEBANESE WHEN SERIOUS PROBLEMS AROSE.

3. SUDDEN BOMBING OF BAROUK
WDAR CAME AT SAME TIME AS
BOMBING OF DAMASCUS AND HOMS WHICH HIT CIVILIAN AS WELL
AS MILITARY TARGETS. LEBANESE ARMY BELIEVES THAT BOTH
ACTIONS TEND INDICATE UNREASONING, ANGRY FRAME OF MIND
ON PART OF IDF. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, LEBANESE
ARMY LESS FAVORABLY BMSLCSO TO PURSUE DIALOGUE WITH IDF
OR HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT ISRAELIS REALLY MEAN WHAT THEY

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SAY. MOREOVER, BOMBING OF KADAR LIKELY BECOME CONVENIENT
RALLY CRY FOR THOSE LEFTISTS AND OTHERS WHO PRESSING GOL
RELAX CONTROLS ON FEDAYEEN AND GIVE SUPPORT TO SYRIA IN
ITS TIME OF NEED.

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TAGS: PFOR MARR LE IS
SUBJECT: LEBANESE INVOLVEMENT IN HOSTILITIES
SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HAS AGAIN IMPRESSED UPON GOL POTENTIALLY
SERIOUS PROBLEM POSED BY STEEPED-UP FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY
AGAINST ISRAEL AND THREAT OF FEDAYEEN ACTION AGAINST
AMERICAN OR OTHER DIPLOMATIC. LEBANESE ARMY ALSO IN-
FORMED. WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY GOL WILL TAKE SOME
ADDITIONAL MEASURES TRY AND CONTROL FEDAYEEN, BUT WE
MUST RECOGNIZE THAT GOL UNABLE CONTROL THEM COMPLETELY
AND THERE LIKELY BE CONTINUING FEDAYEEN HARASSMENT OF
ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY IF FIGHTING DRAGS ON BETWEEN
ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SYRIA. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER DISCUSSING ANOTHER MATTER WITH SEC GEN OF
LEBANESE FONOFFICE (SA), AMBASSADOR RAISED PROBLEM
OF INCREASINGLY ACTIVE FEDAYEEN (AS SUGGESTED TEL AVIV 7866). HE
REFERRED TO HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER SOLH
AND DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS ISMAIL ON THIS QUESTION,
CONGRATULATED SADAQA ON GENERAL GOL APPROACH TO PROBLEM
BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUING FEDAYEEN
HARASSMENT. AMB SAID WE HAD REPORTS FROM ISRAEL
INDICATING EIGHT DIFFERENT INCIDENTS WITH FEDAYEEN

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NIGHT OF OCT 7-8, AND WE UNDERSTAND THERE WERE SEVERAL MORE INCIDENTS NIGHT OF OCT 8-9, INCLUDING ONE CLASH BETWEEN IDF AND FEDAYEEN GROUP JUST SOUTH OF BINT JBEIL NEAR YIRON (OAO TEL AVIV 1549). AMBASSADOR SAID THAT DESPITE COMMITMENT WHICH PRIME MINISTER SOLH HAD FROM ARAFAT THAT FATAH WOULD NOT GET INVOLVED, WE HAD INDICATION THAT SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVED FATAH PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, UNDISCIPLINED ELEMENTS FROM MINOR FEDAYEEN GROUPS MIGHT ALSO BE INVOLVED. MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM, HOWEVER, MAY COME FROM SA'IQA WHICH OPERATES ON ORDERS FROM SYRIAN GOVT AND IS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN ATTACKS INVOLVING SMALL FIGHTING UNITS, NOT MERELY OCCASIONAL INACCURATE FIRINGS ACROSS BORDER.

2. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED GOL REEXAMINE MEASURES IT TAKING TO CONTROL FEDAYEEN AND HAVE PRIME MINISTER CONSIDER HOLDING MEETING OF LEADERS ALL FEDAYEEN GROUPS (NOT MERELY FATAH) WITH ARMY REPS PRESENT IN ORDER IMPRESS UPON FEDAYEEN SERIOUSNESS WITH GOL VIEWS THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. AMBASSADOR ALSO SUGGESTED GOL MIGHT WISH TO DELIVER STIFF WARNING TO SUCH LEADERS THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT TOLERATE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST AMERICAN OR OTHER DIPLOMATS (BEIRUT 11925 AND 11930). IT WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE SHOULD SOMEONE BE KIDNAPPED OR ASSASSINATED AS SADAQA KNOWS SOME FEDAYEEN ARE INTENDING.

3. SADAQA SAID THAT HE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD DANGERS OF SITUATION AND SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM. HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH ARMY AND POLITICAL AUTHORITIES TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPOSE TIGHTER CONTROLS. UNFORTUNATELY, LEBANESE ARMY UNABLE STOP ALL FEDAYEEN FROM INFILTRATING BORDER AREAS OR FROM ALL FIRING ACROSS BORDER, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY USUALLY DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND HARD TO DISTINGUISH FROM ORDINARY LEBANESE. NEVERTHELESS, LEBANESE ARMY HAS OVER PAST FEW DAYS SUCCEEDED IN DETECTING AND CONFISCATING SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF WEAPONS WHICH FEDAYEEN TRYING MOVE TO BORDER AREA.

4. LEBANESE ARMY HAS ALSO BEEN ALERTED TO IDF ATTITUDE AND INFORMED OF THE SEVERAL FEDAYEEN-INITIATED INCIDENTS. ARMY SOURCES AGREE THAT FEDAYEEN ARE ACTIVE BUT (AS REPORTED BEIRUT 11911) MOST OF ACTION IS RATHER AIMLESS. WE ARE TOLD BY UNTSO SOURCES THAT BIGGEST IDF CONCERN IS SERIES OF FEDAYEEN RAIDS ACROSS BORDER IN SMALL GROUPS OF 10-15 MEN IN CENTRAL SECTOR NEAR SAQOURAH.

5. ARMY SOURCES REPORT THAT IDF BEGAN SHELLING AREAS,

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INCLUDING VICINTY SOME VILLAGES. CLOSE TO BORDER IN
CENTRAL SECTOR AND ARKUB NIGHT OF OCT 8-9-APPARENTLY
TO DISRUPT FEDAYEEN PLANS AND TO WARN LEBANESE GOVT
AND VILLAGERS.

6. COMMENT: EMB TEL AVIV FREE TO MAKE USE OF CONTENTS
THIS MESSAGE AS IT DEEMS FIT (PROTECTING SOURCES) TO
REASSURE ISRAELIS WE ARE WORKING HARD ON THIS PROBLEM
AND BELIEVE GOL CAN AND WILL SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENT IN
CONTROL OF FEDAYEEN ALTHOUGH ISOLATED ACTS OF HARASSMENT
LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

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EMB OFF BRIEFED LASTNIGHT BY GOL ARMY G-2 OFFICER ON
THREAT REPORTED REFTEL. OFFICER, WHO IS VERY CONSERVA-
TIVE, CHARACTERIZED INFORMATION AS "PROBABLE," FROM SOURCES
OF 100 PERCENT PROVEN RELIABILITY. THREAT AIMED AT PROMINENT
AMERICAN OR OTHER FOREIGNER AND G-2 ESTIMATES THERE IS THAT
50 PERCENT PROBABILITY THE ACTION PLANNED WOULD BE KIDNAPPING,
INCLUDING TAKING OF VICTIM'S FAMILY AND 50 PERCENT CHANCE
FEDAYEEN MAY TRY ASSASSINATION. SPECIFIC FEDAYEEN GROUP PLANNING
ACTION UNKNOWN BUT G-2 OPINED THAT IT WOULD LIKELY BE
SPLINTER GROUP OF ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATION. AIM OF
OPERATION SEEN AS EMBARRASSMENT GOL AND CREATION OF
PROBLEMS FOR IT.

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E.O. 11652:GDS
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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
REF: STATE 199688

*State guidance
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on mid East*

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS SUMMARY OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
THROUGH EVENING OCTOBER 8.

2. OCTOBER 7: HEAVY FIGHTING ON BOTH THE SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FRONTS TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 7/8. ISRAELI FORCES WERE HARD PRESSED BY INITIAL SYRIAN SUCCESSES ON GOLAN HEIGHTS OCTOBER 6. THE RELATIVELY THIN FORWARD LINE OF ISRAELI DEFENSES ON THE CANAL FRONT GAVE EGYPTIAN FORCES OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH AND REINFORCE THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ON CANAL'S EASTERN BANK. THROUGHOUT DAY OCTOBER 7 SYRIANS STROVE TO MAKE AS RAPID TERRITORIAL GAINS AS POSSIBLE AND EGYPTIANS TO EXPAND AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS CANAL INTO DEFENSIBLE LINE. ISRAELIS USED THEIR SUPERIORITY IN THE AIR TO CONTAIN THE ARABS UNTIL ISRAELI RESERVES COULD BE MOBILIZED. AT DAWN OCTOBER 7 ISRAEL CONDUCTED MAJOR AIR ATTACKS ON EGYPTIAN MILITARY TARGETS WEST OF CANAL, BUT SYRIAN PRESSURE FORCED IDF CONCENTRATE AS MUCH AS 75 PERCENT ITS AIR EFFORT ON GOLAN FRONT WHERE ISRAELI TANKS OUTNUMBERED BY SYRIAN ON ORDER OF 200 TO 1,000. THROUGHOUT OCTOBER 7 ISRAELI AIR FORCES CONCENTRATED ON TACTICAL SUPPORT OF IDF UNITS AND SUPPRESSION OF SYRIAN SAM SITES BETWEEN GOLAN AND DAMASCUS. ISRAEL CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOCKED OUT 90 PERCENT OF SAMs BUT AT CONSIDERABLE COST IN AIRCRAFT. SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES SO ENTANGLED ON GOLAN THAT IDF DISENGAGED IN SOME

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AREAS TO GIVE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ROOM TO ATTACK SYRIAN POSITIONS, WHICH INCLUDED CAPTURED GOLAN TOWN OF QUNEITRA.

3. ON EGYPTIAN FRONT ISRAELIS FOUGHT TO PREVENT EXPANSION OF MAJOR EGYPTIAN BRIDGEHEADS EAST OF CANAL AND TO COUNTER NUMBER OF BOLD EGYPTIAN RAIDS, INCLUDING HELIBORNE FORCES, AT VARIOUS POINTS INLAND IN SINAI AND SINAI COAST SOUTH OF CANAL. ISRAELIS SURPRISED BY EGYPTIAN FAILURE MASSIVELY TO REINFORCE ITS BRIDGEHEADS DURING NIGHT OCTOBER 6/7 AND HOPED EXPLOIT THIS FAILURE OCTOBER 8 OR 9 WHEN FULL ISRAELI MOBILIZATION, AND COUNTER-OFFENSIVE, EXPECTED. NAVAL ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN AND RED SEA REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN LOSS FOUR SYRIAN PATROL CRAFT, AN EGYPTIAN MINELAYER, AND NUMBER EGYPTIAN PATROL AND ASSAULT CRAFT. IDF DESCRIBED DAY AS "MISERABLY TOUGH" AND ADMITTED TO TAKING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND LOSING SOME GROUND ON BOTH FRONTS.

4. OCTOBER 8: FIGHTING CONTINUED BOTH FRONTS NIGHT OF OCTOBER 7/8 WITH ISRAELI FORCES BEING REINFORCED AT INCREASING RATE. COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST SYRIANS GAINED MOMENTUM RAPIDLY, WITH IDF SUPERIOR IN THE AIR, AND BY MID-DAY IN THE AREA ISRAEL CLAIMED SYRIANS IN GENERAL RETREAT. ISRAELI SETTLERS FROM GOLAN HEIGHTS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO HOMES LATE OCTOBER 8. BATTLES INTENSE, HOWEVER, AND IDF COMMANDERS IN FIELD WERE REPORTED TOO BUSY TO REPORT FULLY AND IN DETAIL TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

5. ISRAEL BEGAN TURNING ITS AIR AND, LATER, ITS GROUND EFFORT TOWARD EGYPTIAN FRONT AS GOLAN PRESSURES RELIEVED. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ATTACKED EGYPTIAN BRIDGEHEADS AND BRIDGES DURING NIGHT OCTOBER 7/8 AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS AT DAWN OCTOBER 8, THOUGH AT ONE POINT IDF NOT CERTAIN IT COULD MOUNT COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ON CANAL UNTIL OCTOBER 9. EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY HAD THREE MAJOR BRIDGEHEADS (ON COAST IN NORTH, AND ON ROADS LEADING TO GIDDI AND MITLA PASSES) SUPPLIED BY SOME ELEVEN BRIDGES, NINE OF WHICH IDF CLAIMED TO HAVE DESTROYED BY MORNING OF OCTOBER 8. EGYPTIANS REPORTEDLY HAD 400-500 TANKS EAST OF CANAL, WHICH BY LATE OCTOBER 8 ISRAELI COMMENTATORS DESCRIBED AS "TRAPPED." NEVERTHELESS, AS NIGHTFALL OCTOBER 8 CAME TO AREA, EGYPTIANS, INCREASINGLY HARD PRESSED IN THEIR BRIDGEHEADS, REMAINED EAST OF CANAL. ISRAELIS CONDUCTED AIR RAIDS AGAINST PORT SAID

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SAM DEFENSES LATE IN DAY, POSSIBLY PRELUDE TO EXPECTED MAJOR EFFORT AGAINST FORMIDABLE EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WEST OF CANAL. CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES BELIEVED TO BE HIGH IN MEN AND EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY AIRCRAFT. DETAILS OF IDF'S "MISERABLY TOUGH" DAYS HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN YET TO ISRAELI PUBLIC, NOR HAS EXTENT TO WHICH ISRAEL LOST GROUND ON GOLAN HEIGHT IN EARLY PHASES.

6. THE OTHER ARABS: PRESSURES MOUNT STEADILY ON THOSE ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD PREFER TO STAY OUT OF WAR. SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH HAS PUT ITS FORCES "ON ALERT", FEARS THAT PROLONGED HOSTILITIES, OR JORDANIAN INVOLVEMENT, COULD FORCE IT INTO SOME KIND OF ACTIVISM. ISRAELI REPORTS OF NUMEROUS (SOME EIGHT INCIDENTS) ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS FROM FEDAYEEN ON LEBANESE TERRITORY POSE RISK TO LEBANON OF ISRAELI REPRISALS. THE PRESSURES ON KING HUSSEIN GROW WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, BUT HE HAS SO FAR MAINTAINED RESOLVE TO STAY OUT OF FIGHT.

7. PRESS REPORTS OF ALGERIAN, MOROCCAN, IRAQI, AND TUNISIAN INVOLVEMENT MAY HAVE AT LEAST SOME BASIS OF TRUTH. IRAQI AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY STATIONED IN EGYPT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BATTLES OVER CANAL AND MOROCCAN TROOPS PREVIOUSLY STATIONED SYRIA ARE REPORTED TO HAVE JOINED THE FRAY IN THE GOLAN.

8. POLITICAL FRONT: IN ABSENCE ANY MOVE BY ANY OF COMBATANTS TO SEEK CEASEFIRE OR UN INVOLVEMENT, WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED AFTERNOON OCTOBER 7 THAT PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED SECRETARY TO REQUEST UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCIL CONVENED EVENING OCTOBER 8. FOR FULL STATEMENT OF US POSITION, POSTS ARE REFERRED TO TEXT OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S SPEECH TO SC.

9. SECURITY SITUATION: THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO UNREST OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE DETECTED AGAINST AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN AREA.

10. FOREGOING FOR POSTS BACKGROUND ONLY. KISSINGER
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S E C R E T JIDDA 4376

ED 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SA
SUBJECT: SAG CONCERNED AT REPERCUSSIONS OF CONTINUED
FIGHTING

REF: JIDDA 4356 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING IS REPORT PREPARED BY BRITISH EMBASSY FIRST
SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON BASIS HIS RIYADH TALKS OCT 8 AND 9.
QUOTE 1. MR. ARMITAGE SAW 7 NUMBER OF OFFICIALS IN RIYADH
YESTERDAY AND SENT DOWN A REPORT THIS MORNING. FOLLOWING
SUMMARIZES MAIN POINTS TO EMERGE:

A. WITHOUT EXCEPTION OFFICIALS ASKED WHY SADAT HAD ATTACKED
(SOME WERE VERY CRITICAL OF HIM) AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT BECOME PHYSICALLY INVOLVED AND ABOUT
SAUDI ARABIA'S POSITION GENERALLY.

B. CONCERN WAS ALSO EXPRESSED THAT IF JORDAN AND SAUDI
ARABIA STOOD BACK FROM THE FIGHTING THEY WOULD BE HELD
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EGYPTIAN/SYRIAN DEFEAT, AND THAT
THIS COULD HAVE SERIOUS LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS AT HOME.
THERE WAS ALSO SOME CONCERN AT THE THOUGHT THAT SAUDI
ARABIA WOULD BE IN AN AWKWARD POSITION IF THE ARABS WON
AND SHE HAD NOT BEEN PHYSICALLY INVOLVED.

C. GENERAL HOPE WAS THAT EGYPT WOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD THE
CANAL (HARDLY A WORD OF SYMPATHY FOR SYRIA) AND THAT THE
GREAT POWERS WOULD RESTRAIN ISRAEL FROM A MASSIVE COUNTER-
ATTACK.

D. NO REPEAT NO SUGGESTIONS OF "THE BRITISH ARE BEHIND
IT". MIXED VIEWS ON WHETHER IT WAS A PRO-ARAB OR ANTI-
ARAB MOVE TO CALL FOR CEASEFIRE/SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.
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 TAGS: PFOR FG IS

SUBJECT: EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVE
 USINTOFF SAW MOHAMED RIAH OF ARAB LEAGUE MORNING OCTOBER 9.
 USINTOFF ASKED WHERE EGYPT'S POLITICAL GOAL IN CURRENT
 HOSTILITIES LAY. MOHAMED SAID THAT ULTIMATE EGYPTIAN
PURPOSE WAS TO MOVE EGYPT'S FORCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL
BOUNDARIES IN SINAI. HE DID NOT STATE WHETHER THIS
OBJECTIVE WAS TO BE CARRIED OUT MILITARILY OR BY POLITICAL
 ACTION. HE SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD
 THAT RECOVERY OF EGYPTIAN LANDS IN SINAI WAS EXTENT OF
 EGYPT'S TERRITORIAL OBJECTIVES. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS
 TO WHETHER INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES MEANT BOUNDARIES OF
 PALESTINE MANDATE OR THE LINES PRIOR TO JUNE 5, 1967,
 RIAH SAID SIMPLY THAT WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN POSITION ON
 GAZA WAS THAT ITS FUTURE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY ITS
 INHABITANTS.

2. MOHAMED SAID THAT PRESENT HOSTILITIES HAD BEEN CAUSED
 SEPTEMBER 13 ISRAELI ATTACK ON SYRIA. EGYPT HAD BEEN
 PREPARING SINCE THAT POINT FOR FURTHER ISRAELI PROVOCATION.
 HE SAID THAT IT WAS A PITY UN DESERVERS HAD NOT BEEN
 STATIONED ALONG RED SEA COAST. THEY WOULD CONFIRM THAT
 FIRST ATTACKS OF OCTOBER 6 HAD BEEN MADE BY ISRAELI
 FORCES AGAINST ZA'FARANA AND SUHNA.
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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN FLASH 4886

S E C R E T STATE 199800

*Msg. from
HAK → King Hussein*

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, SA, JO, UN

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO KING HUSSEIN

REF: AMMAN 5363, 5367, 5368

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. AT YOUR MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN TUESDAY MORNING,
YOU SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO THE KING.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED MY PERSONAL MESSAGE OF A FEW
HOURS AGO, BUT SINCE THEN I HAVE RECEIVED AMBASSADOR
BROWN'S REPORT OF HIS LATEST TALK WITH YOU, AND AS A
FRIEND AND A GREAT ADMIRER, I WANT TO LOSE NO TIME IN
SENDING YOU THESE FURTHER THOUGHTS.

I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PRESSURES ON YOUR MAJESTY
RESULTING FROM THE CURRENT DIFFICULT SITUATION. YOUR
DECISION TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT HOSTILITIES
IS AN ACT OF RESPONSIBLE STATESMANSHIP. I BELIEVE
HISTORY WILL RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE YOU HAVE PERFORMED

BOTH TO YOUR PEOPLE AND COUNTRY BY RESISTING THE PRESSURES
OF THE MOMENT. I AGREE FULLY WITH AND APPRECIATE YOUR
PROMPT DECISION TO TURN ASIDE KING FAISAL'S REQUEST TO
MOVE SAUDI FORCES FROM JORDAN TO SYRIA. I URGE YOU TO

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MAINTAIN THE STEADFAST POSITION THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN ON
ALL THESE MATTERS.

I BELIEVE IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE FOR THE FIGHTING TO
END SOON. OUR RECOGNITION OF THE PROBLEM THAT THE
HOSTILITIES ARE CAUSING FOR YOUR MAJESTY WAS A MAJOR
FACTOR IN OUR DECISION TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN
CONVENING THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING
AN EARLY END OF THE FIGHTING. CANDIDLY, YOUR MAJESTY,
IT IS INEXPLICABLE TO US WHY YOUR ARAB COLLEAGUES AND
MANY OF THE NON-ALIGNED HAVE BEEN DELAYING CONSIDERATION
OF THIS MATTER IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. AMBASSADOR
SCALI HAS EXPRESSED OUR IDEAS IN THE COUNCIL THIS
EVENING, AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE READY
TO MOVE IN THE COUNCIL ALONG THE LINES HE HAS INDICATED.
WITH RESPECT TO A SIMPLE CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE, IT SHOULD
BE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT
IT WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROPOSITION. OUR
REFERENCE TO AN EVENTUAL RETURN TO POSITIONS HELD
PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF CURRENT HOSTILITIES WOULD APPLY
ALSO IN THE EVENT ISRAELI FORCES SHOULD PENETRATE
BEYOND THE 1967 CEASEFIRE LINES.

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE SHOULD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
USE THE PRESENT COUNCIL MEETING TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK
FOR GETTING MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON A FUNDAMENTAL
SETTLEMENT. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK TO THIS END. IN
FACT, AS YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER HAS UNDOUBTEDLY REPORTED
TO YOU, I HAD ALREADY BEGUN EXPLORATIONS IN NEW YORK
LAST WEEK, AND IT IS MY UTMOST DESIRE THAT FROM THIS
CONFLAGRATION SOME NEW IMPETUS TOWARD PEACE WILL
RESULT.

YOUR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES IS RECIPROCATED
IN THE FULLEST MEASURE. PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME AT
ANY TIME, FOR YOUR CONCERNS ARE OUR CONCERNS.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END TEXT, KISSINGER
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Hussein*

S E C R E T AMMAN 5373

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F.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, IS, JO, US
SUBJ: MEETING WITH KING
REF: STATE 199804

1. GAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A COUPLE OF HOURS WITH KING.
GAVE HIM SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AND HAVE A REPLY, WHICH WILL
FOLLOW.

2. I MENTIONED ZIERA THREAT, WHICH HE TOOK SERIOUSLY. HE
SAID ISRAELIS OBVIOUSLY MEANT THAT IT SHOULD BE PASSED TO
HIM.

3. I DID NOT BRING UP OVER-FLIGHTS. HE DID, SAYING ONCE
AGAIN THAT HIS EFFORTS KEEP SITUATION CALM IN JORDAN ARE
GREATLY UNDERMINED BY FLAGRANT NATURE THESE FLIGHTS.

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH KING

REF: AMMAN 5369

YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO
KING (STATE 199800). IN ADDITION TO CONVEYING THIS
MATERIAL TO KING, YOU MAY MENTION ZEIRA'S THREAT. YOU
SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, RAISE QUESTION OF ANY U.S.G. EFFORTS
RE ISRAELI OVERFLIGHTS AT THIS TIME. WE WILL GIVE EARLY
CONSIDERATION TO YOUR AND AMBASSADOR KEATING'S SUGGESTION
ON THIS.

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*Instructions
To Brown for mtg.
with Hussein*

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EQ 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS EG IS

SUBJECT: CURRENT EGYPTIAN MILITARY SITUATION *

1. USINT SOURCE HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING
INFORMATION GAINED FROM FRIEND IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.
INFORMATION WAS ACQUIRED AS OF 0100 LOCAL TIME OCTO-
BER 9.

2. AS OF NIGHTFALL OCTOBER 8, EGYPTIANS HELD A
LINE RUNNING FROM A POINT ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS EAST
OF PORT FOUD IN NORTHERN SECTOR TO 10 KILOMETERS EAST
OF CANAL IN MIDDLE SECTOR TO 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF
PORT TAWFIQ IN SOUTHERN SECTOR. 30,000 PLUS EGYPTIAN
TROOPS HAVE BEEN PLACED TO EAST OF CANAL. ABOUT 450
TANKS ARE ALSO ON CANAL'S EAST BANK. DESPITE
ISRAELI CLAIMS, ONLY ONE OF 13 BRIDGES WAS TOTALLY
DESTROYED DURING ISRAELI ATTACKS. THREE OTHERS WERE
DAMAGED, BUT WERE REPAIRED WITHIN SIX HOURS TIME. ALL
OTHERS REMAIN UNTOUCHED.

3. DAMAGE CREATED BY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT RAIDS HAS BEEN
MINOR WITH EXCEPTION OF PORT SAID. ISRAELI AIR ATTACKS
ON EGYPTIAN MILITARY AIRFIELDS OCTOBER 7 WERE DIRECTED
AT BENI SUEF AND SHUBRA AL-KHIT. RUNWAY OF BENI SUEF
DAMAGED, BUT HAS BEEN REPAIRED. NO AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
ON GROUND. AT SHUBRA AL-KHIT, IAF WAS ENGAGED BY EAF.

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ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE ABLE TO FIRE TWO AIR TO GROUND MISSILES ONLY. ONE EXPLODED HARMLESSLY AWAY FROM AIRPORT, THE OTHER LANDED NEAR GROUP OF FARMERS IN NEARBY FIELD, KILLING FIVE AND WOUNDING 15.

4. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT RAIDS ON PORT SAID AREA LAST NIGHT DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE INSIDE TOWN PROPER.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO ISRAELI ATTEMPT TO PLACE FORCES ON WESTERN BANK OF CANAL. EGYPTIAN MILITARY COMMAND IS READY FOR SUCH A POSSIBILITY.

6. CASUALTIES. ~~EGYPTIANS HAVE SUFFERED THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND KILLED AND APPROXIMATELY SAME NUMBER WOUNDED.~~ THIS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN HAPPY SURPRISE; MILITARY COMMAND WAS PREPARED TO SUSTAIN AS MANY AS 80,000 CASUALTIES IN OPERATION.

7. PRISONERS. ~~EGYPTIANS HAVE CAPTURED 8 ISRAELI PILOTS AND 125 SOLDIERS.~~

8. PLANS. ON EVENING OF OCTOBER 8, EGYPTIAN TROOPS WERE SENT TO SHARM EL SHEIKH BY BOAT. THEY ANTICIPATE FIGHTING FOR SHARM WILL START TODAY. ~~EGYPTIANS ALSO INTEND TO LAUNCH AIR ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI PROPER TODAY, OCTOBER 9, USING LONG-RANGE BOMBER FORCE.~~ VIRTUALLY ALL EGYPTIAN BOMBERS HAVE BEEN HELD IN RESERVE FOR THIS ACTION. THEY WERE AUGMENTED ON OCTOBER 9 BY ARRIVAL OF 35 ALGERIAN BOMBERS. (COMMENT: AMERICAN SOURCE INFORMED US YESTERDAY THAT HE SAW FOUR IL-28 BEAGLES AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.) UNTIL YESTERDAY THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF RAIDING CIVILIAN TARGETS, BUT EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CAUSED TO PORT SAID HAS BROUGHT GREAT PRESSURE ON MILITARY TO TARGET ISRAELI CITIES.

9. INITIAL MILITARY GOAL OF EGYPTIAN ARMY WAS TO SEIZE 30 TO 40 KILOMETERS ON EAST BANK OF CANAL-- UP TO AND INCLUDING MOUNTAIN PASSES. THEY WERE PREPARED TO HOLD THIS POSITION UNTIL SECURITY COUNCIL OR OTHER POLITICAL ACTION COULD CREATE CEASEFIRE. THIS GOAL HAS NOW BEEN REVISED UPWARD. SUCCESSES OF EGYPTIAN CROSSING AND ADVANCE HAS ENCOURAGED SADAT TO AIM FOR TOTAL RETURN OF ALL SINAI.

10. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE THIS REPORT. BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER CHECKING THIS CAREFULLY AGAINST AVAILABLE FACTS AND ENSUING DEVELOPMENTS, SINCE SOURCE HAS PROMISED FURTHER INFORMATION

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not to overfly Jordan
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Israeli ~~military~~ military Intelligence
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